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Dear Tribal Leader:

Hihanni waste, greetings. On behalf of the Secretary, you are cordially invited by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to participate in an upcoming Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) consultation with the FDPIR Tribal Leader Consultation Work Group. This consultation will be held in person with a virtual option for attendance.

Registration. All attendees, including those attending in person, must register. Please use the registration link below to kindly register by February 20, 2023.

Registration Link:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltcOGprDwvH73X3MEwmoBdW2Qr6Xmo6lo>

Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2023
Time: 8:30 a.m. ET – 4:30 p.m. ET
Location: U.S. Department of Agriculture Headquarters
Jamie L. Whitten Building
1400 Independence Ave SW, Washington, DC 20250

Updated information, including an agenda, handouts, and meeting room details, will be posted on USDA’s Office of Tribal Relations (OTR) website. Please visit:
<https://www.usda.gov/tribalrelations/tribal-consultations>.

Attendance. COVID protocols for in person attendance will be provided to all registered attendees in advance of the meeting.

Proxies. In the event you cannot attend and wish to send a proxy, please notify USDA’s Office of Tribal Relations (OTR) by Monday, February 20, 2023. To designate a proxy for this meeting, please copy the attached delegation form to tribal letterhead. This designation will authorize your designee, in writing, who will attend in your place and the estimated time of your absence. The delegation cannot be in perpetuity. You are also encouraged to bring program leadership and staff from your nation to the tribal consultation as observers.

Please contact Tribal.Relations@usda.gov if you have any items for the agenda. Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to joining you.

Lila wopila (much thanks),

Heather Dawn Thompson (*Cheyenne River Sioux*)
Director, Office of Tribal Relations

Attachments (1):
FDPIR_February_2023_consultation_proxy letter template